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BOERNE, TEXAS BUSINESSMAN HEADED FOR FEDERAL PRISON

(SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS) United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 61-year-old **DONALD KEITH CRAWFORD, SR.**—former Secretary/Treasurer of Boerne Trailer Manufacturing, Inc.—was sentenced today to 41 months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$377,641.18 in restitution for bank fraud and making false statements on loan applications.

On August 16, 2002, a federal jury convicted Crawford on 11 counts of bank fraud and two counts of false statements on loan applications. The jury found that between August 1, 1997, and October 1, 1998, Crawford defrauded Security National Bank (SNB). Crawford sold manufactured trailers financed by SNB loans and hid the sale of the trailers from the bank so that he could delay paying the bank loans. In the scheme, Crawford also directed company employees to obliterate serial numbers on selected manufactured trailers and change the numbers so that those trailers could be used as collateral for new bank loans.

Crawford's son, co-defendant and company president—Donald K. Crawford, Jr., age 36—was sentenced on December 10, 2002, to 18 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to making a false statement on a bank loan. Both men were indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2002.

“People who commit bank fraud enrich themselves by hurting other consumers. The U.S. Attorney's office will take action to shut down their schemes,” stated Sutton.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bud Paulissen.

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